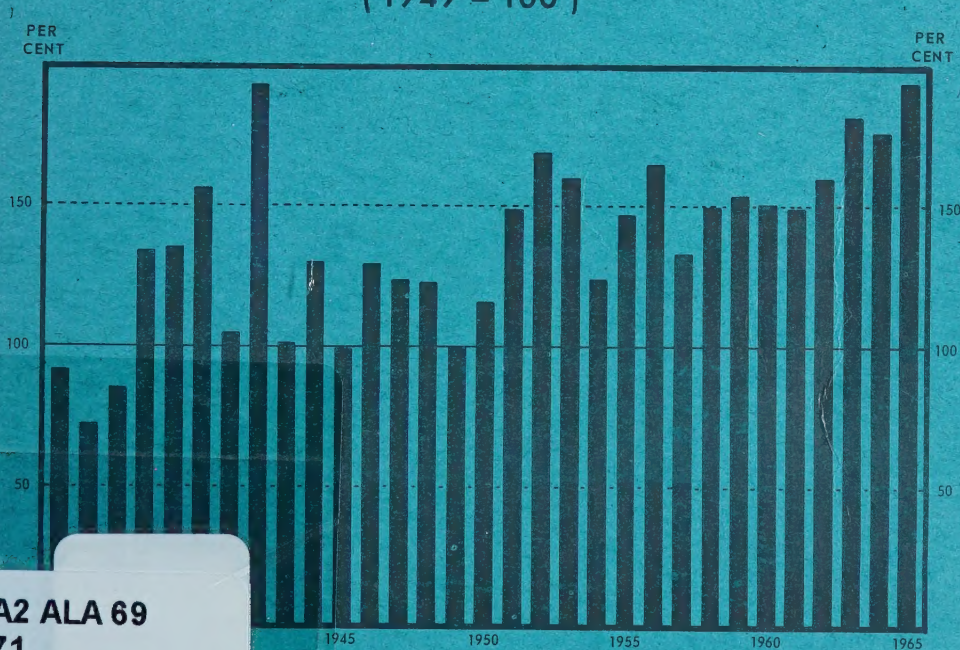




# STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE FOR ALBERTA 1964 AND 1965

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## FIELD CROPS

A cold winter with heavy snowfall followed by a cool spring delayed the commencement of field operations. Potholes and sloughs were filled; water erosion was severe in central and Peace River regions.

Legumes and fall rye came through the winter in good shape. Winter wheat suffered damage. The winter was hard on livestock; the condition of cattle in the spring was only fair to poor.

At the middle of May seeding operations were about two weeks behind normal. Most of the early potatoes and about 50 per cent of the sugar beets were planted at Taber. The seeding of specialty crops was underway at Lethbridge. Seeding wheat was 50 to 95 per cent completed as far north as Ponoka and Sedgewick. Progress was slow in western and northern areas. In the Peace River country 15 to 25 per cent of the wheat was planted. Very little coarse grains were sown west and north of Ponoka.

Pastures and hay crops were slow.

At the end of May seeding was nearing completion in the south, with some flaxseed and mustard still to be sown. At June 12, operations were nearing completion in central, northern and Peace River regions. However, the acreage sown to wheat were below the intentions to plant indicated at March 1. In western areas, and to some extent in the north, low lying land could not be sown because of excessive moisture.

The weather remained cold through June and the first half of July. Rain was more than sufficient in most regions but varied from excessive in western regions to dry in the Peace River especially in the Manning and Fort Vermilion districts.

Wet fields seriously interrupted the farmers' work schedule. Spraying for weed control was not completed and summerfallows became weedy. Early-sown crops developed fairly well but late plantings made little progress. Much of the hay was badly damaged by the weather.

Warm weather after mid-July advanced early crops rapidly but late seeded crops did not respond. Then extremely hot weather in the first three weeks of August ripened grain too fast and reduced yields. By this time swathing had become fairly general and some threshing had been done in all regions except along the western fringe. Early returns indicated that the prospects of a month earlier would not be realized.

Wet weather during the last week of August and throughout September slowed swathing and kept threshing almost at a standstill. Precipitation varied a great deal. In southern and central regions the moisture received was limited. Rainfall was heavy in western

regions and southern sections of the Peace River country. Some sprouting occurred. Frost occurred in Peace River over the weekend of September 4; a week later low temperatures in all areas terminated the growing season for most crops.

Fine weather returned toward the end of September and threshing became general in most districts by early October. The period of wet weather had caused considerable sprouting and mildew in the Peace, western and other isolated areas. But frost had exacted a heavier toll. Wheat lost up to two grades and more oats than usual were suitable only for greenfeed. Forage seeds and flaxseed suffered most from high winds that swept the province in October.

September was a poor month for developing sugar beets. Frost reduced the yield and quality of corn but the year was better than average for other vegetables grown for processing.

Fairly good yields of grass seeds were obtained but legume seed crops were spotty. Too much growth resulted in poor seed set.

Wet ground prevented planting the intended acreage of winter wheat and fall rye.

The 1965 crop year was abnormal. Crop prospects varied from poor to good. It seemed all might be lost in September. Then a month of fine weather made the ending so much happier than had seemed possible.



# ESTIMATED ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND YIELD OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS BY DISTRICT IN ALBERTA, 1964 AND 1965

A.R.A.	DISTRICT	'000 ACRES		BUSHEL'S PER ACRE		PRODUCTION '000 BU.	
		1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
		<u>ALL WHEAT</u>					
1	Med. Hat-Hanna	1,069	1,042	13.3	19.7	14,215	20,505
2	Leth.-Drum.	1,840	1,816	27.6	30.0	50,740	54,532
3	Ft. Macleod-Calg.	653	607	26.1	28.5	17,045	17,279
4	Sedgewick-Veg.	1,780	1,695	20.4	23.8	36,316	40,370
5	Red Deer-Edmonton	261	219	29.8	29.1	7,769	6,394
6	St.Paul-Athabasca	432	363	19.8	20.5	8,535	7,450
7	Peace River	460	308	22.8	17.6	10,483	5,407
	PROVINCE	6,495	6,050	22.3	25.3	145,000	153,000

## OATS FOR GRAIN

1	Med. Hat-Hanna	54	117	26.1	39.1	1,410	4,578
2	Leth.-Drum.	154	182	50.3	58.2	7,749	10,595
3	Ft. Macleod-Calg.	211	284	48.3	58.4	10,201	16,591
4	Sedgewick-Veg.	565	744	31.5	45.5	17,731	33,838
5	Red Deer-Edmonton	436	450	46.2	53.3	20,165	23,995
6	St. Paul-Athabasca	340	306	38.8	37.5	13,196	11,486
7	Peace River	190	117	46.4	30.3	8,816	3,545
	PROVINCE	1,950	2,200	40.5	47.3	79,000	104,000

## BARLEY

1	Med. Hat-Hanna	89	92	23.1	36.8	2,055	3,390
2	Leth.-Drum.	367	416	42.8	48.4	15,715	20,114
3	Ft. Macleod-Calg.	498	544	40.8	45.2	20,340	24,616
4	Sedgewick-Veg.	440	477	23.3	33.5	10,078	15,968
5	Red Deer-Edmonton	940	921	32.4	30.3	30,435	27,912
6	St. Paul-Athabasca	431	419	28.3	25.0	12,178	10,470
7	Peace River	555	521	30.5	24.1	16,928	12,556
	PROVINCE	3,320	3,390	32.2	33.9	107,000	115,000

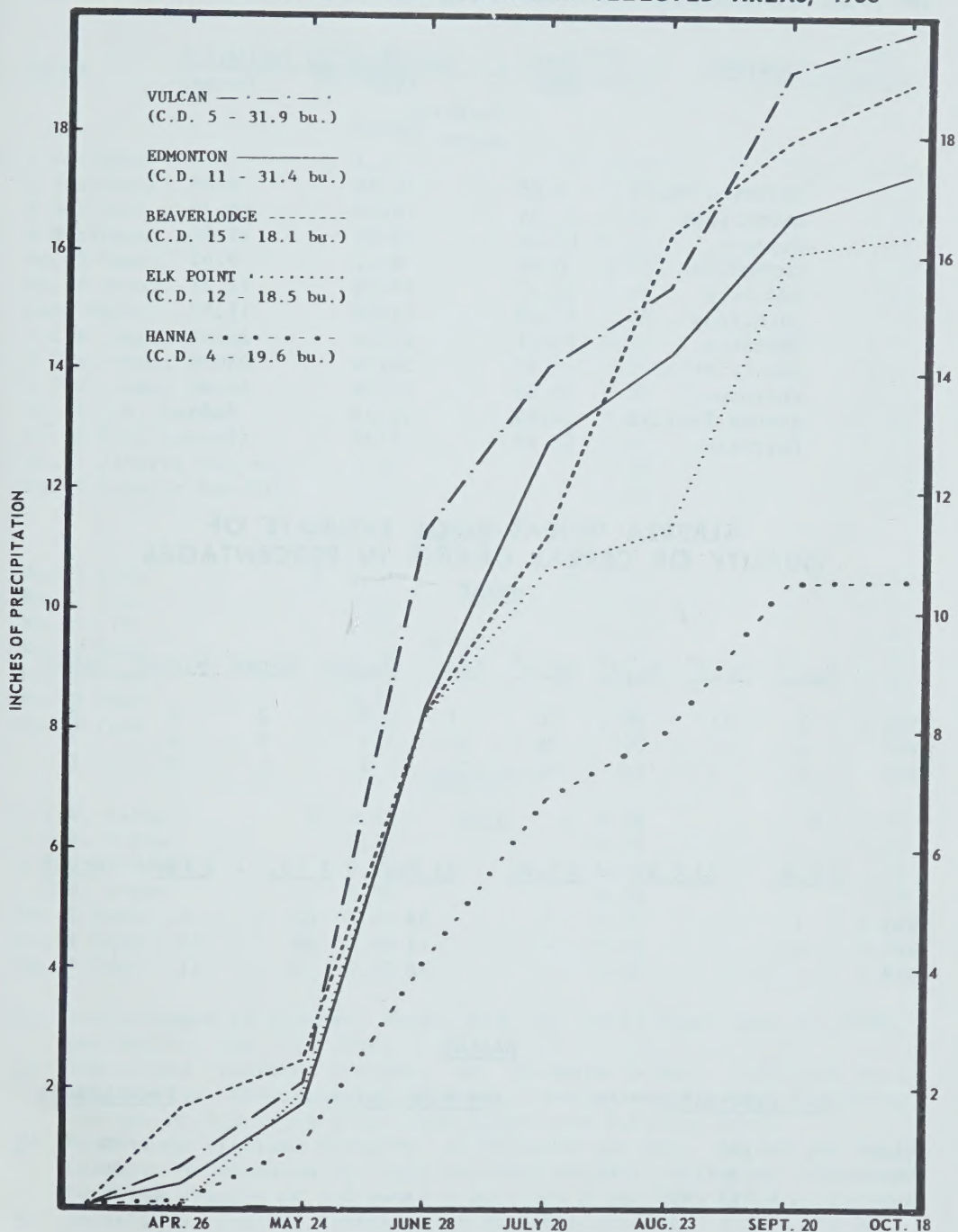
## FLAXSEED

1	Med. Hat-Hanna	43.7	45.7	5.9	12.5	258.7	571.3
2	Leth.-Drum.	143.6	131.3	13.4	16.3	1,922.5	2,140.2
3	Ft. Macleod-Calg.	47.6	45.2	13.6	15.9	646.3	718.7
4	Sedgewick-Veg.	17.8	16.6	14.6	12.4	260.8	205.8
5	Red Deer-Edmonton	4.9	4.4	15.3	14.8	75.1	65.1
6	St. Paul-Athabasca	26.7	33.6	15.5	12.1	413.1	406.6
7	Peace River	85.7	78.2	8.4	8.6	725.0	672.5
	PROVINCE	370.0	355.0	11.6	13.8	4,300.0	4,900.0

A.R.A.	DISTRICT	'000 ACRES		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION	
		1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
				- bu. -		- '000 bu. -	
<u>RAPESEED</u>							
1 - 3		22.8	44.3	18.0	19.5	410	864
4A- 6		132.9	246.0	19.2	17.7	2,550	4,354
7		248.3	444.7	14.1	9.1	3,500	4,047
PROVINCE		404.0	735.0	16.0	12.9	6,460	9,500
<u>ALL RYE</u>							
1 - 3		146.2	162.5	20.4	23.1	2,987.2	3,752.2
4A- 6		26.0	26.8	15.7	21.1	409.2	566.2
7		9.7	10.7	24.2	24.2	234.7	259.1
PROVINCE		181.9	200.0	19.2	23.0	3,500.0	4,600.0
<u>TAME HAY</u>							
				- tons -		- '000 tons -	
1 Med. Hat-Hanna		134.2	145.3	0.98	1.58	131.5	229.6
2 Leth.-Drum.		186.1	184.6	1.86	2.16	346.1	398.7
3 Ft. Macleod-Calg.		353.2	361.1	1.35	1.80	476.8	650.0
4 Sedgewick-Veg.		411.8	426.8	0.96	1.89	396.5	808.6
5 Red Deer-Edmonton		643.8	670.8	1.45	2.22	933.5	1,489.2
6 St. Paul-Athabasca		484.4	539.0	1.23	1.92	595.8	1,034.9
7 Peace River		407.5	502.4	1.72	1.46	700.9	733.5
PROVINCE		2628.0	2830.0	1.37	1.94	3,600.0	5,500.0
<u>OTHER CROPS</u>							
				- bu. -		- '000 bu. -	
Mixed Grain		328.0	335.0	33.5	38.8	11,000	13,000
Peas Dry		8.2	8.0	24.1	26.9	198	215
				- tons -		- '000 tons -	
Sugar Beets		42.1	38.9	12.51	12.96	527	504
				- lb. -		- '000 lb. -	
Sunflower Seed		7.5	3.5	300	100	2,250	350
Mustard Seed		35.0	80.0	657	774	23,000	61,920



CUMULATIVE RECORD OF PRECIPITATION APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 18  
AND ESTIMATED WHEAT YIELDS IN SELECTED AREAS, 1965



PRECIPITATION RECORDED AT SELECTED ALBERTA STATIONS  
IN 1965 COMPARED TO 1964 AND THE LONG - TIME AVERAGE

<u>STATIONS</u>	<u>APRIL 1 - SEPTEMBER 25 INCLUSIVE</u>		
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>Normal</u>
	<u>- inches -</u> <u>actual</u>		
Medicine Hat	8.03	12.30	8.86
Lethbridge	11.94	16.49	10.78
Calgary	11.64	18.97	12.54
Coronation	8.84	8.37	9.62
Red Deer	13.37	15.35	12.21
Vermilion	13.48	11.55	11.93
Edmonton	13.01	17.09	12.26
Lac La Biche	12.57	14.79	11.56
Whitecourt	20.35	19.04	14.57
Grande Prairie	20.63	13.22	9.55
Fairview	15.66	9.53	10.16

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL ESTIMATE OF  
QUALITY OF CEREAL GRAINS IN PERCENTAGES

WHEAT

	<u>No.1<sup>o</sup></u>	<u>No.2<sup>o</sup></u>	<u>No.3<sup>o</sup></u>	<u>No.4<sup>o</sup></u>	<u>5,6 &amp; Feed</u>	<u>Garnet</u>	<u>Durum</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Other</u>
1963	1	32	48	10	1	2	2	2	2
1964	1	10	20	28	32	1	3	2	3
1965	-	5	18	40	31	1	1	3	1

OATS

	<u>2 C.W.</u>	<u>X3 C.W.</u>	<u>3 C.W.</u>	<u>X1 Fd.</u>	<u>1 Fd.</u>	<u>2 Fd.</u>	<u>Other</u>
1963	-	-	4	28	62	4	2
1964	-	-	-	11	68	17	4
1965	-	-	-	16	72	11	1

BARLEY

	<u>1-3 C.W. 6-Row</u>	<u>1-3 C.W. 2-Row</u>	<u>Feed Grades</u>
1963	14	7	79
1964	5	5	90
1965	6	4	90



# **CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD PAYMENTS ON BASIC GRADES, WHEAT, OATS, AND BARLEY 1964 - 65**

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>INITIAL PAYMENT</u>	<u>FINAL PAYMENT</u> <sup>1/</sup>	<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>
	<u>WHEAT</u> <sup>2/</sup>		
1 Northern	\$ 1.32	\$ 0.38	\$ 1.70
2 Northern	1.28	0.39	1.67
3 Northern	1.24	0.36	1.60
4 Northern	1.17	0.37	1.54
No. 5 Wheat	1.04	0.44	1.48
No. 6 Wheat	1.00	0.46	1.46
Feed Wheat	0.96	0.48	1.44
1 C.W. Amber Durum	1.32	0.38	1.70
2 C.W. Amber Durum	1.28	0.39	1.67
3 C.W. Amber Durum	1.24	0.39	1.63
No. 1 C.W. Garnet	1.17	0.37	1.54
No. 2 C.W. Garnet	1.12	0.41	1.53
No. 1 Alberta Red Win.	1.16	0.38	1.54
No. 2 Alberta Red Win.	1.11	0.42	1.53
	<u>OATS</u> <sup>3/</sup>		
No. 2 C.W.	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.64
Ex. 3 C.W.	0.44	0.18	0.62
No. 3 C.W.	0.44	0.17	0.61
Ex. 1 Feed	0.44	0.17	0.61
No. 1 Feed	0.42	0.18	0.60
No. 2 Feed	0.37	0.20	0.57
No. 3 Feed	0.33	0.21	0.54
	<u>BARLEY</u> <sup>4/</sup>		
2 C.W. 6-Row	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.29	\$ 1.09
3 C.W. 6-Row	0.78	0.30	1.08
2 C.W. 2-Row	0.73	0.35	1.08
3 C.W. 2-Row	0.70	0.33	1.03
No. 1 Feed	0.69	0.31	1.00
No. 2 Feed	0.66	0.33	0.99
No. 3 Feed	0.62	0.35	0.97

1/ Pools closed as follows: Wheat, Dec. 31, 1965; Oats, Jan. 31, 1966; and Barley, Jan. 31, 1966.

2/ Deductions include freight, at 20 cents a cwt. (12¢ per bu.) Calgary or Edmonton to Vancouver, estimated elevator handling charges of 4.5 cents a bu., and 1 per cent P.F.A.A. levy.

3/ Deductions include freight, at 26 cents per cwt. (8.84¢ per bu.) Calgary or Edmonton to Fort Wm.-Port Arthur; estimated elevator handling charges of 3.6 cents a bu.; and 1 per cent P.F.A.A. levy.

4/ Deductions include freight, at 26 cents per cwt. (12.5¢ per bu.) Calgary or Edmonton to Fort Wm.-Port Arthur; estimated elevator handling charges of 4.5 cents a bu.; and 1 per cent P.F.A.A. levy.

MONTHLY AVERAGE CASH GRAIN PRICES 1965

<u>AUG.</u>	<u>SEPT.</u>	<u>OCT.</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>DEC.</u>	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>MAR.</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
<u>WHEAT - Canadian Wheat Board Basis in Store Vancouver.</u>												
1 Northern	210/2	209	208/6	208/4	208/4	206/4	195/7	197	196/4	196/5	197/1	197/3 202/5
2 Northern	207/5	208	207/6	207/4	207/4	205/1	191/7	193	192/4	191/6	192/1	192/3 199/5
3 Northern	206/1	206/4	206/2	205/5	205/4	202/5	185/7	187	186/4	186/5	187/1	187/3 196
4 Northern	199/1	199/4	199/2	199	199	195/6	177/7	179	178/4	178/4	179/1	179/3 188/5
5 Wheat	190/5	191	190/6	190/4	190/4	186/4	172/7	174	173/4	173/4	174/1	174/3 181/6
6 Wheat	188/5	189	188/6	188/4	188/4	184/4	169/7	171	170/4	170/5	171/1	171/3 179/2
Feed Wheat	185/5	186	185/6	185/4	185/4	181/4	166/7	168	167/4	167/5	168/1	168/3 176/2
1 C.W. Garnet	191/5	192	191/6	191/4	191/4	189/6	177/7	179	178/4	178/5	179/1	179/3 185
2 C.W. Garnet	190/5	191	190/6	190/4	190/4	188/6	176/7	178	177/4	177/5	178/1	178/3 184
3 C.W. Garnet	189/5	190	189/6	189/4	189/4	187/6	175/7	177	177/4	176/5	177/1	177/3 183
1 Alta Red Win	191/5	192	191/6	191/4	191/4	189/6	177/7	179	178/4	178/5	179/1	179/3 185
2 Alta Red Win	190/5	191	190/6	190/4	190/4	188/6	176/7	178	177/4	177/5	178/1	178/3 184
3 Alta Red Win	189/5	190	189/6	189/4	189/4	187/6	175/7	177	176/4	176/5	177/1	177/3 183

OATS - Canadian Wheat Board Basis in Store Fort Wm./Port Arthur

2 C.W.	81/5	82/3	82/5	83	83/1	83/2	83/2	83/2	83/1	83/1	83/3	84/3 83
Ex. 3 C.W.	79/3	80/1	80/3	80/6	80/7	81	81	81	80/7	80/7	81/1	82/1 80/6
3 C.W.	78/3	79/1	79/3	79/6	80/1	80/2	80/2	80/2	80/1	80/1	80/3	81/3 80
Ex. 1 Feed	78/3	79/1	79/3	79/6	80/1	80/2	80/2	80/2	80/1	80/1	80/3	81/3 80
1 Feed	77/3	78/1	78/7	79/2	79	79	79	79	78/7	79	79/3	80/3 79
2 Feed	74/3	75/1	75/7	76/2	76	76	76	76	75/7	76	76/3	77/3 76
3 Feed	71/3	72/1	72/7	73/2	73	73	73	73	72/7	73	73/3	74/3 73



AUG.   SEPT.   OCT.   NOV.   DEC.   JAN.   FEB.   MAR.   APRIL   MAY   JUNE   JULY   YEAR

BARLEY - Canadian Wheat Board Basis in Store Fort Wm./Port Arthur

1 C.W. 6-Row	130/2	131/1	133	134/6	135/4	135/7	137/6	137/6	136	137/3	136/5	136/3	135/2
2 C.W. 6-Row	130/2	131/1	133	134/6	135/4	135/7	137/6	137/6	136	137/3	136/5	136/3	135/2
3 C.W. 6-Row	128/2	129/1	131	132/6	133/4	133/7	135/6	135/6	134	135/3	134/5	134/3	133/2
1 C.W. 2-Row	128/2	129/1	131	132/6	133/4	133/7	135/6	135/6	134	135/3	134/5	134/3	133/2
2 C.W. 2-Row	128/2	129/1	131	132/6	133/4	133/7	135/6	135/6	134	135/3	134/5	134/3	133/2
3 C.W. 2-Row	125/2	126/1	127/2	128/6	129/4	129/7	131/6	131/6	130	131/3	130/5	130/3	129/3
1 Feed	117/5	120/1	121/1	121/6	122/4	122/7	124/6	125	123/4	125	124/1	123/6	122/6
2 Feed	116/5	118/7	119/5	120/2	121	121/3	123/2	123/6	122/4	124	123	122/4	121/3
3 Feed	113/5	115/7	116/5	117/2	118	118/3	120/2	120/6	119/4	121	120	119/4	118/3

RYE - Winnipeg Grain Exchange Basis in Store Fort Wm./Port Arthur

2 C.W.	132/7	137	130/1	126/3	124/7	124/4	126	125/1	120/6	120	119/7	119	125/4
3 C.W.	129/1	132/5	126/1	121/7	120/6	120/5	122/1	121/4	117/3	116/6	116/2	115/3	121/5
4 C.W.	118	120/6	115/2	112/1	109/7	109	109/1	106/5	103/3	104	107/2	107	110/1
Ergoty	116/4	119/6	114/2	111/1	108/7	108	108/1	105/5	101/1	101	100/7	100	107/7

FLAXSEED - Winnipeg Grain Exchange Basis in Store Fort Wm./Port Arthur

1 C.W.	331/1	324/4	318/4	315/2	314/1	315	323/1	324/7	321/6	324/5	319/2	312/3	320/3
2 C.W.	326/1	319/4	313/4	310/2	309/1	310	318/1	319/7	316/6	319/5	314/1	307/2	315/3
3 C.W.	299/2	287/1	282	283/3	281/2	283/2	289/3	288/5	286/6	291/6	287	280/4	286/5

RAPESEED - Winnipeg Grain Exchange Basis in Store Vancouver

No. 1 Canada	254/4	259/3	262/3	286/5	308/6	316/5	317/5	310	304/6	287	272/6	262/1	287
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# ESTIMATED SUPPLIES OF GRAIN ON FARMS IN ALBERTA CROP YEARS 1963 - 64, 1964 - 65, AND 1965 - 66

		<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>
		- million bushels -		
WHEAT	- Carryover	12.0	20.0	21.0
	- Production	<u>149.0</u>	<u>145.0</u>	<u>153.0</u>
	- TOTAL Supplies	161.0	165.0	174.0
OATS	- Carryover	26.0	38.0	23.0
	- Production	<u>124.0</u>	<u>79.0</u>	<u>104.0</u>
	- TOTAL Supplies	150.0	117.0	127.0
BARLEY	- Carryover	16.0	25.0	20.0
	- Production	<u>119.0</u>	<u>107.0</u>	<u>115.0</u>
	- TOTAL Supplies	135.0	132.0	135.0
RYE	- Carryover	0.3	0.5	0.8
	- Production	<u>3.1</u>	<u>3.5</u>	<u>4.6</u>
	- TOTAL Supplies	3.4	4.0	5.4
FLAXSEED	- Carryover	0.2	0.1	0.1
	- Production	<u>3.7</u>	<u>4.3</u>	<u>4.9</u>
	- TOTAL Supplies	3.9	4.4	5.0

## STOCKS OF GRAIN ON FARMS IN ALBERTA AT JULY 31

	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>OATS</u>	<u>BARLEY</u>	<u>RYE</u>	<u>FLAXSEED</u>
	- thousand bushels -				
1950	4,000	10,000	6,000	400	25
1951	7,000	14,000	9,000	400	20
1952	7,000	19,000	12,000	850	300
1953	23,000	25,000	15,000	1,850	450
1954	62,000	35,000	39,000	6,150	400
1955	48,000	15,000	18,000	4,250	500
1956	62,000	20,000	20,000	2,800	430
1957	78,000	39,000	36,000	2,600	450
1958	56,000	28,000	24,000	1,100	200
1959	36,000	20,000	18,000	1,000	300
1960	34,000	20,000	22,000	1,000	350
1961	28,000	20,000	18,000	600	400
1962	15,000	19,000	14,000	600	300
1963	12,000	26,000	16,000	300	200
1964	20,000	38,000	25,000	500	150
1965	21,000	23,000	20,000	800	150



## SALES OF FERTILIZERS IN CANADA AND ALBERTA FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1964 AND 1965

	CANADA			ALBERTA		
	1963-64	1964-65	%	1963-64	1964-65	%
	- tons -	-	Change	- tons -	-	Change
Fertilizer Materials	609,580	685,388	+ 12.4	223,016	250,859	+ 12.5
Mixed Fertilizers	844,752	908,205	+ 7.5	1,166	1,329	+ 14.0
TOTAL	1,454,332	1,593,593	+ 9.6	224,182	252,188	+ 12.5

Imports of fertilizers and fertilizer materials into Canada for the years ending June 30 (anhydrous ammonia included) totalled 1,233,866 tons in 1965 compared with 1,344,263 tons in 1964. Imports consisted largely of the following: phosphate rock, 893,285; super-phosphate, 145,589 tons; muriate potash, 70,551 tons; nitrogen solution, 10,386 tons; and sulphate of potash, 31,198 tons.

Exports of materials (including potash) amounted to 2,314,171 tons. Exports of mixed fertilizers amounted to 97,818 tons.

### FARM IMPLEMENT AND EQUIPMENT SALES ALBERTA, 1964 AND 1965

#### VALUE AT WHOLESALE PRICES

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
Total All Machines (incl. Parts)	\$ 78,884,000	\$ 94,568,000
Repair Parts	10,735,000	12,067,000

#### ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNITS SOLD

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
Tractors:		
Wheel Type . . . . .	4,396	4,566
Crawler Type . . . . .	1/	1/
Combines:		
Pull Type . . . . .	474	583
Self-Propelled . . . . .	1,926	2,392
Automatic Hay Balers . . . . .	2,280	2,549
Swathers and Windrowers . . . . .	2,762	4,168
Heavy Duty Deep Tillage Cultivators . .	1/	1,918
Diskers . . . . .	778	881

1/ Not available.

LIVESTOCK

The winter of 1964-65 was hard on livestock. The movement of feed was much above normal and, in the spring, reserves were practically depleted. Cattle were generally in poor condition and pastures were slow in all regions. However, moisture conditions were good and after warm weather came about the end of May grazing was excellent. Livestock went into the winter in good condition.

Wet weather in July delayed haying and a good deal of the hay was pretty well matured when cut. However, when cut the crop was put up in good condition. Second cut alfalfa suffered weather damage. Yields were heavy in most regions.

The number of cattle and calves on farms at June 1 were estimated at 3,195,000 head up 1.9 per cent from a year earlier. However, record numbers of calves were exported in the fall. A levelling off in cattle numbers may be expected.

Hog numbers decreased from 1,370,000 in 1965 to 1,245,000 or about 9 per cent. At December 1, numbers were 19 per cent below estimates on the same date the year before. The estimated number of sows to farrow December 1, 1965 to June 1, 1966 will about equal farrowing a year ago. Thus it would appear that hog production is returning to normal levels

The number of sheep on farms in Alberta declined 13 per cent in the year ending June 1, 1965, compared with a drop of 9 per cent for Canada. The number of sheep one year and over at December 1 decreased from 175,000 in 1964 to 152,000 in 1965 indicating a further drop in lamb production in 1966.

The meat equivalent of animal output from Canadian farms for 1956-60 and the last three years were as follows:

Kind	1956-60	1963	1964	1965
	Average	- thousand	pounds -	
Beef	1,329,548	1,496,352	1,603,425	1,841,848
Veal	142,792	141,192	146,260	186,444
Pork	32,006	28,836	28,623	24,701
Mutton & Lamb	980,528	978,764	1,061,186	1,030,367
TOTAL	2,484,872	2,645,144	2,839,494	3,083,360



# ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CATTLE ON FARMS BY DISTRICT

## JUNE 1, 1964 AND 1965

<u>A.R.A.</u>	<u>BULLS</u>	<u>COWS</u>		<u>HEIFERS</u>		<u>STEERS</u>	<u>CALVES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	1965 as % of 1964
		<u>FOR MILK</u>	<u>FOR BEEF</u>	<u>FOR MILK</u>	<u>FOR BEEF</u>				
		- thousand head -		1 9 6 4					
1	7.2	7.4	138.5	1.4	40.0	33.0	117.0	344.5	
2	8.7	23.5	140.5	5.4	66.0	120.0	126.0	490.1	
3	12.2	29.8	195.0	7.5	92.0	101.0	174.0	611.5	
4	13.8	58.7	223.0	13.0	70.0	87.0	210.0	675.5	
5	9.6	90.0	130.0	20.2	41.5	95.0	157.0	543.3	
6	8.5	53.0	96.0	11.5	29.5	34.0	110.0	342.5	
7	3.0	11.6	44.0	2.0	15.0	10.0	42.0	127.6	
Province	63.0	274.0	967.0	61.0	354.0	480.0	936.0	3,135.0	
		1 9 6 5							
1	8.0	7.5	150.0	1.5	45.0	31.0	120.0	363.0	105.4
2	9.0	22.2	156.0	5.5	67.0	111.0	127.0	497.7	101.6
3	12.6	27.2	200.0	6.3	82.0	109.0	174.0	611.1	99.9
4	14.8	55.0	226.0	12.2	65.0	86.0	212.0	671.0	99.3
5	10.4	86.0	142.0	17.5	48.5	94.0	160.0	558.4	102.8
6	9.1	52.1	108.0	10.0	32.5	31.0	115.0	357.7	104.4
7	3.1	12.0	46.0	2.0	20.0	14.0	39.0	136.1	106.7
Province	67.0	262.0	1,028.0	55.0	360.0	476.0	947.0	3,195.0	101.9





# SUMMARY OF ALBERTA HOG CARCASSES GRADED BY DISTRICT 1964 AND 1965

A.R.A.	A			C		D	LIGHT		HEAVY		EXTRA HEAVY	RIDGLINGS		STAGS	SOWS		TOTAL
1	5,815	6,987	1,285	176	978	587	391	81	78	753							17,131
2	62,025	68,334	11,590	984	5,014	5,298	2,609	900	525	6,066							163,345
3	61,723	71,358	13,217	1,184	5,514	6,256	2,938	1,027	1,018	8,857							173,092
4	127,365	127,728	17,681	2,596	10,464	11,556	4,492	2,124	1,320	12,449							317,775
5	216,758	237,627	42,911	4,457	14,316	19,476	7,648	3,021	3,079	26,091							575,384
6	127,740	127,780	18,696	2,511	9,689	9,579	3,414	1,717	1,108	10,262							312,496
7	27,458	30,244	4,978	653	3,424	2,500	1,353	459	288	3,810							75,167
Province 1965	628,884	670,058	110,358	12,561	49,399	55,252	22,845	9,329	7,416	68,288							1,634,390
1964	535,541	666,481	120,708	11,009	40,745	63,022	28,060	8,534	7,402	72,862							1,554,364

- EXPRESSED AS PER CENT OF TOTAL -

1	33.9	40.8	7.5	1.0	5.7	3.4	2.3	0.5	0.5	4.4							100.0
2	38.0	41.8	7.1	0.6	3.1	3.2	1.6	0.6	0.3	3.7							100.0
3	35.7	41.2	7.6	0.7	3.2	3.6	1.7	0.6	0.6	5.1							100.0
4	40.1	40.2	5.6	0.8	3.3	3.6	1.4	0.7	0.4	3.9							100.0
5	37.7	41.3	7.5	0.8	2.5	3.4	1.3	0.5	0.5	4.5							100.0
6	40.9	40.9	6.0	0.8	3.1	3.1	1.1	0.5	0.4	3.3							100.0
7	36.5	40.2	6.6	0.9	4.6	3.3	1.8	0.6	0.4	5.1							100.0
Province 1965	38.5	41.0	6.8	0.8	3.0	3.4	1.4	0.6	0.5	4.2							100.0
1964	34.5	42.9	7.8	0.7	2.6	4.1	1.8	0.4	0.5	4.7							100.0

- C A N A D A -

No. 1965	2,814,675	3,065,538	469,325	35,406	154,264	199,619	67,321	34,740	15,344	220,894							7,077,126
1964	2,726,771	3,200,876	536,625	38,541	160,744	220,359	78,574	35,352	16,466	267,336							7,281,644
% 1965	39.8	43.3	6.6	0.5	2.2	2.8	1.0	0.5	0.2	3.1							100.0
1964	37.4	44.0	7.4	0.5	2.2	3.0	1.1	0.5	0.2	3.7							100.0

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION AND FARM VALUE OF AGR

	AREA		YIELD PER ACRE	
	1964	1965	1964	1965
	- acres -		- bushels -	
FIELD CROPS				
FIELD CROPS:				
Wheat . . . . .	6,495,000	6,050,000	22.3	25.3
Oats for grain . . . . .	1,950,000	2,200,000	40.5	47.3
Barley . . . . .	3,320,000	3,390,000	32.2	33.9
Rye . . . . .	181,900	200,000	19.2	23.0
Mixed Grain . . . . .	328,000	335,000	33.5	38.8
Flaxseed . . . . .	370,000	355,000	11.6	13.8
Rapeseed . . . . .	404,000	735,000	16.0	12.9
Mustard Seed . . . . .	35,000	80,000	13.1	15.5
Potatoes . . . . .	21,100	23,000	191.8	217.3
			- tons -	
Sugar Beets . . . . .	42,122	38,899	12.51	12.96
Tame Hay . . . . .	2,628,000	2,830,000	1.37	1.94
Other Field Crops Inc. Forest Prod. . . . .				
TOTAL ACREAGE AND VALUE	15,775,122	16,252,899		

LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

LIVESTOCK:	Number on Farms June 1			
Cattle . . . . .	2,199,000	2,248,000		
Calves . . . . .	936,000	947,000		
Sheep and Lambs . . . . .	409,000	355,000		
Hogs . . . . .	1,370,000	1,245,000		
TOTAL VALUE . . . . .				
DAIRY PRODUCTS:	274,000	262,000 (cows)		
Butterfat for Creamery Butter . . . . .				
Farm Dairy Butter . . . . .				
Milk and Butterfat for Ice Cream <sup>4/</sup> . . . . .				
Milk for Cheesemaking and Concentration <sup>4/</sup> . . . . .				
Fluid Milk Sales . . . . .				
Fluid Cream Sales <sup>4/</sup> . . . . .				
Milk Farm Home Consumed . . . . .				
Whole Milk Fed to Farm Animals . . . . .				
Skim Milk Fed to Farm Animals . . . . .				
TOTAL VALUE . . . . .				
POULTRY PRODUCTS:	9,515,000	8,855,000 (total poultry)		
Eggs for Consumption . . . . .				
Eggs for Hatching . . . . .				
Poultry Meat (eviscerated) . . . . .				
TOTAL VALUE . . . . .				
	- colonies -		- lb. per colony -	
HONEY . . . . .	83,850	114,000	117	176
	- sheep shorn -		- lb. per sheep -	
WOOL . . . . .	196,000	181,000	9.6	8.9
	- animals on farms -		- animals pelted -	
FUR FARMING <sup>6/</sup> . . . . .	250,374	260,860	183,261	168,181
OTHER LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS . . . . .				
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS . . . . .				

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Prices estimated by the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

3/ Livestock produced include net marketings through stockyards and plants, sales for local slaughter, farm kill, and inventory changes.

4/ Milk equivalents.

5/ Includes the value of wax.

6/ Year ending August 31.



# AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FOR ALBERTA 1964 AND 1965 <sup>1/</sup>

PRODUCTION		VALUE PER UNIT		TOTAL VALUE	
1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
- bushels -		- dollars -		- dollars -	
145,000,000	153,000,000	1.55	1.54 <sup>2/</sup>	224,750,000	235,620,000
79,000,000	104,000,000	0.60	0.60 <sup>2/</sup>	47,400,000	62,400,000
107,000,000	115,000,000	0.98	0.98 <sup>2/</sup>	104,860,000	112,700,000
3,500,000	4,600,000	1.02	1.06	3,570,000	4,876,000
11,000,000	13,000,000	0.83	0.83	9,130,000	10,790,000
4,300,000	4,900,000	2.94	2.77	12,642,000	13,573,000
6,460,000	9,500,000	2.75	2.30	17,765,000	21,850,000
460,000	1,240,000	2.00	2.00	920,000	2,480,000
4,048,000	4,998,000	2.40	1.62	9,716,000	8,097,000
- tons -					
526,982	504,109	15.89	15.90 <sup>2/</sup>	8,374,000	8,015,000
3,600,000	5,500,000	19.00	17.00	68,400,000	93,500,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	<u>16,367,000</u>	<u>18,143,000</u>
.....	.....	.....	.....	<u>523,894,000</u>	<u>592,044,000</u>
- number <sup>3/</sup> -					
865,485	991,918	176.39	180.08	152,665,000	178,626,000
203,332	131,323	79.88	82.38	16,243,000	10,819,000
195,010	131,581	15.19	17.71	2,963,000	2,330,000
1,951,780	1,546,907	36.79	45.50	<u>71,803,000</u>	<u>70,385,000</u>
.....	.....	.....	.....	<u>243,674,000</u>	<u>262,160,000</u>
- pounds -					
32,253,000	29,615,000	0.67	0.67	21,576,000	19,793,000
1,438,000	1,139,000	0.56	0.56	805,000	638,000
- 100 pounds -					
264,730	317,890	2.83	2.87	749,000	913,000
1,360,740	1,285,810	2.80	2.81	3,810,000	3,617,000
2,785,420	2,908,790	4.78	4.83	13,322,000	14,055,000
693,260	704,980	2.82	2.85	1,957,000	2,012,000
1,534,000	1,429,000	2.77	2.77	4,249,000	3,958,000
902,200	943,700	2.77	2.77	2,499,000	2,614,000
8,373,270	7,647,830	0.48	0.48	<u>4,019,000</u>	<u>3,671,000</u>
.....	.....	.....	.....	<u>52,986,000</u>	<u>51,271,000</u>
- dozen -					
36,775,000	34,920,000	0.26	0.31	9,673,000	10,727,000
1,799,000	1,734,000	0.60	0.60	1,075,000	1,038,000
- pounds -					
63,586,000	60,980,000	0.27	0.30	<u>17,242,000</u>	<u>18,170,000</u>
.....	.....	.....	.....	<u>27,990,000</u>	<u>29,935,000</u>
9,800,000	20,050,000	0.15	0.16	1,541,000 <sup>5/</sup>	3,152,000 <sup>5/</sup>
1,882,000	1,611,000	0.49	0.46	926,000	737,000
- value of pelts -	- value animals exported -				
\$ 3,263,000	\$ 3,009,000	\$ 83,000	\$161,000	3,346,000	3,170,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	<u>1,333,000</u>	<u>1,408,000</u>
.....	.....	.....	.....	<u>331,796,000</u>	<u>351,833,000</u>

**NOTE:** The total value of agricultural production is not obtained by adding together the values of field crops and livestock production. This procedure would duplicate the value of grain, forage, etc., fed to livestock. Duplication is hard to avoid completely. For example, milk fed to farm animals is included under dairy products to provide a full account of dairy production; it is counted again in the value of livestock products.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SWINE AND SHEEP ON FARMS IN ALBERTA BY DISTRICT  
JUNE 1, 1964 AND 1965

A.R.A.	<u>SWINE</u>		<u>SHEEP and LAMBS</u>				1965 as % of 1964
	<u>OVER</u>	<u>UNDER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>	<u>LAMBS</u>	<u>TOTAL SHEEP</u>	
	<u>6 MONTH</u>	<u>6 MONTH</u>	<u>SWINE</u>	<u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>AND LAMBS</u>	
	- thousand head -			- thousand head -			
	<u>1 9 6 4</u>			<u>1 9 6 5</u>			
1	6.0	11.0	17.0	21.0	20.0	41.0	
2	39.0	91.0	130.0	43.0	44.0	87.0	
3	31.0	116.0	147.0	64.0	72.0	136.0	
4	86.0	203.0	289.0	12.0	13.0	25.0	
5	130.0	285.0	415.0	31.5	32.0	63.5	
6	80.0	211.0	291.0	19.0	20.0	39.0	
7	28.0	53.0	81.0	8.5	9.0	17.5	
PROVINCE	400.0	970.0	1,370.0	199.0	210.0	409.0	
	<u>1 9 6 5</u>			<u>1 9 6 5</u>			
1	6.0	11.0	17.0	19.5	17.0	36.5	89.0
2	43.0	79.0	122.0	39.5	38.0	77.5	89.1
3	43.0	95.0	138.0	54.0	58.0	112.0	82.4
4	77.0	157.0	234.0	11.5	12.0	23.5	94.0
5	140.0	251.0	391.0	28.0	27.0	55.0	86.6
6	79.0	193.0	272.0	19.0	16.0	35.0	89.7
7	32.0	39.0	71.0	8.5	7.0	15.5	88.6
PROVINCE	420.0	825.0	1,245.0	180.0	175.0	355.0	86.8



# AVERAGE MONTHLY LIVESTOCK PRICES BY GRADE, CALGARY, 1965

	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG.</u>	<u>SEPT.</u>	<u>OCT.</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>DEC.</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
					-	-	dollars per cwt.	-					
Steers - Choice	21.48	22.11	22.31	22.72	24.43	25.24	24.95	24.27	23.79	23.70	24.14	24.80	23.66
- Good	20.52	21.08	21.24	21.82	23.33	24.15	23.70	23.33	22.86	22.65	23.08	23.67	22.62
- Medium	18.68	19.51	19.78	20.35	21.48	21.82	21.58	21.69	21.58	20.97	21.40	21.75	20.88
- Common	16.07	17.35	17.95	17.95	18.24	18.95	18.60	18.92	18.78	17.69	18.25	18.86	18.13
Heifers - Choice	19.47	19.98	20.20	20.40	21.57	22.69	22.47	21.75	21.82	21.72	22.36	22.32	21.40
- Good	18.43	18.94	19.07	19.39	20.16	21.45	21.34	20.88	20.74	20.68	21.14	21.23	20.29
- Medium	16.72	17.22	17.28	17.72	18.46	19.93	20.55	19.20	19.06	18.55	19.57	19.52	18.65
- Common	14.59	15.30	14.84	15.86	16.13	18.06	17.94	16.78	16.88	15.39	15.71	15.96	16.12
Cows - Good	12.47	13.47	14.20	15.16	15.43	15.25	14.40	14.03	13.74	13.79	12.57	13.40	13.99
- Medium	11.04	12.10	12.26	13.62	13.99	14.17	13.51	13.03	12.84	12.41	11.64	11.81	12.70
- Cannerns & Cutters	8.79	10.22	10.57	11.63	12.26	12.37	12.15	11.63	11.40	11.00	9.94	9.88	10.99
Bulls	14.17	14.36	15.21	14.77	15.46	16.41	16.36	16.12	16.56	16.14	15.65	15.64	15.57
Feeder Steers - Good	18.97	20.39	20.81	21.33	21.98	22.91	22.69	22.48	22.13	22.09	22.26	22.22	21.69
- Common	16.17	17.55	17.45	17.95	18.54	19.88	19.87	19.88	20.02	20.00	19.90	19.75	18.91
Feeder Heifers - Good	15.28	15.81	16.17	17.06	17.85	20.11	19.84	19.62	18.95	18.09	18.18	18.28	17.94
- Common	11.68	12.39	12.52	13.63	14.34	16.14	14.85	14.44	14.17	13.97	14.13	13.90	13.85
Choice & Good - Veal	20.57	24.50	-	24.30	24.60	24.98	24.65	-	-	-	-	-	23.93
Choice & Good - Butcher	17.56	18.17	18.02	18.64	19.38	20.56	20.53	21.48	21.14	19.52	18.89	19.79	19.47
Med. & Com. - All wts.	15.36	16.20	16.48	16.49	16.61	17.90	18.65	19.08	17.69	17.10	17.09	17.71	17.20
Calves - Stock Steers	19.82	21.09	21.72	22.50	23.23	23.41	23.23	21.60	22.83	24.63	24.48	24.24	22.73
- Stock Heifers	15.90	17.05	17.64	18.60	19.13	19.95	18.85	18.81	19.18	19.30	18.63	19.53	18.55
Hogs - Grade A	22.58	23.73	23.95	23.61	25.67	29.45	31.07	32.23	32.00	32.57	33.81	38.55	29.10
Lambs - Good	18.72	21.85	22.26	22.96	23.40	24.89	21.62	21.13	19.54	19.35	18.46	20.01	21.18
- Common	16.99	19.53	20.00	17.50	22.14	21.61	19.48	19.53	19.95	18.47	17.90	19.35	19.37
- Feeder	16.98	17.00	15.28	15.33	15.07	-	15.10	15.47	18.06	20.22	19.69	19.94	17.10
Sheep - Good	3.80	4.47	5.00	3.00	4.00	4.41	5.09	7.03	5.44	4.67	5.35	4.54	4.73
- Common	2.53	2.00	2.00	-	2.42	3.16	2.21	2.54	2.75	2.45	-	2.00	2.41

AVERAGE MONTHLY LIVESTOCK PRICES BY GRADE, EDMONTON, 1965

	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG.</u>	<u>SEPT.</u>	<u>OCT.</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>DEC.</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
	- dollars per cwt. -												
Steers - Choice	21.09	21.98	22.39	22.35	23.54	24.65	24.73	23.75	22.86	22.86	23.06	23.85	23.09
- Good	17.88	21.13	21.32	21.46	22.47	23.56	23.19	22.65	21.99	21.90	22.42	22.56	22.04
- Medium	18.70	19.67	19.48	19.64	20.81	22.37	20.90	20.30	19.72	19.70	20.11	21.10	20.21
- Common	15.49	16.16	16.68	16.84	17.73	18.02	17.80	17.20	16.66	16.32	16.02	16.92	16.82
Heifers - Choice	18.21	19.00	19.58	19.56	20.45	20.97	21.54	21.21	21.56	21.44	21.42	21.58	20.54
- Good	17.48	18.63	18.92	18.82	19.43	20.06	20.55	20.11	20.34	19.82	20.11	20.39	19.56
- Medium	15.59	17.46	17.99	17.58	17.73	18.50	19.06	18.63	18.72	17.97	17.68	17.86	17.90
- Common	12.46	15.31	15.73	15.38	15.13	16.00	16.60	15.60	15.15	15.08	14.56	14.73	15.14
Cows - Good	12.22	13.06	13.99	15.18	15.09	15.17	13.86	12.85	12.87	12.55	11.95	13.70	13.54
- Medium	10.86	11.73	12.20	14.00	13.71	13.65	12.33	11.83	11.82	11.59	10.94	12.33	12.25
- Cannerns & Cutters	8.39	9.23	10.03	11.60	11.48	11.30	10.50	10.16	10.52	10.06	9.04	9.62	10.16
Bulls	12.69	14.22	14.22	14.62	15.19	15.65	14.91	14.88	14.73	14.77	14.17	14.39	14.54
Feeder Steers - Good	18.35	19.98	20.73	21.23	21.82	22.38	22.11	21.66	21.70	21.70	21.51	22.23	21.28
- Common	15.09	16.40	17.24	16.81	17.75	18.43	18.83	17.75	17.39	17.38	17.28	18.84	17.43
Feeder Heifers - Good	13.20	15.76	16.11	16.97	16.55	16.69	16.81	15.46	15.02	15.57	15.16	15.31	15.72
- Common	11.17	12.42	13.21	12.18	13.67	14.06	14.28	12.17	12.76	12.78	11.59	12.29	12.72
Choice & Good - Veal	21.37	23.80	24.37	24.93	26.21	26.02	24.03	23.36	21.38	17.98	17.44	19.33	22.52
Choice & Good - Butcher	16.60	18.62	18.93	18.03	17.84	19.06	17.98	18.47	18.82	17.72	17.82	18.99	18.24
Med. & Com. - All wts.	15.82	16.33	16.66	17.82	18.77	19.35	19.42	17.14	16.06	14.91	14.44	15.31	16.84
Calves - Stock Steers	18.47	19.90	20.49	20.93	21.76	22.26	21.98	21.82	22.48	23.04	22.85	22.91	21.57
- Stock Heifers	14.57	16.45	17.08	16.74	17.09	17.32	17.02	16.67	17.36	17.56	17.18	17.49	16.88
Hogs - Grade A	22.65	23.74	23.94	23.73	25.46	29.71	31.16	32.05	31.96	32.32	33.76	38.80	29.11
Lambs - Good	19.31	21.92	22.99	23.74	24.27	24.57	20.33	21.08	19.81	19.97	19.01	21.24	21.52
- Common	17.26	19.80	21.36	20.59	22.00	21.76	18.59	19.47	18.13	18.57	17.63	19.50	19.56
- Feeder	17.03	17.22	16.79	16.01	13.60	17.00	17.21	16.98	17.55	18.23	18.68	20.28	17.22
Sheep - Good	7.30	-	5.75	6.42	5.00	6.35	5.29	7.34	7.90	7.49	5.53	7.57	6.54
- Common	3.62	3.00	-	-	-	3.14	3.20	3.97	3.40	3.78	3.65	3.62	3.49

# NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK ON FARMS IN ALBERTA AT JUNE 1

	<u>COWS</u>			<u>ALL</u>		<u>SHEEP</u>
	<u>Milk</u>	<u>Beef</u>	<u>CALVES</u>	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>AND</u>
						<u>LAMBS</u>
			-	thousand head	-	
1950	297.8	410.1	422.5	1,563.5	704.0	343.4
1951	283.9	414.1	437.5	1,563.0	930.7	330.5
1952	285.0	490.0	494.0	1,766.0	1,170.0	353.0
1953	285.0	550.0	555.0	1,938.0	1,020.0	350.0
1954	286.0	600.0	608.0	2,094.0	1,195.0	387.0
1955	285.0	640.0	647.0	2,250.0	1,195.0	409.0
1956	282.2	733.9	714.4	2,449.2	1,211.5	404.8
1957	282.0	766.0	759.0	2,621.0	1,289.0	426.0
1958	270.0	785.0	819.0	2,557.0	1,680.0	435.0
1959	270.0	820.0	857.0	2,623.0	1,759.0	465.0
1960	279.0	827.0	867.0	2,697.0	1,339.0	495.0
1961	287.9	890.2	912.9	2,879.4	1,470.0	496.9
1962	280.0	900.0	908.0	2,863.0	1,200.0	445.0
1963	277.0	915.0	920.0	2,935.0	1,165.0	424.0
1964	274.0	967.0	936.0	3,135.0	1,370.0	409.0
1965	262.0	1,028.0	947.0	3,195.0	1,245.0	355.0

## DAIRYING

Milk cow numbers at June 1, 1965 were estimated at 245,000 down 12,000 from the year before and milk production decreased 4.5 per cent. In spite of better than average pasture production per cow was approximately the same as in 1964.

On the basis of a percentage of the total, the production of creamery and dairy butter decreased most (56.2 to 53.7 per cent). Fluid milk sales increased from 16.2 to 17.7 per cent of the total milk produced. Ice cream and fluid cream sales also increased as did milk fed to farm animals.

Prices received for most dairy products sold advanced moderately. The exception was a slight reduction in the price received for butter-fat used in the production of creamery butter.

The dairy policy of the government of Canada was revised effective in the spring. Prices received by producers were maintained through price supports, deficiency payments and supplementary payments.



## POULTRY

The number of domestic fowl in Alberta at June 1 showed an increase of about 7 per cent compared with a year earlier. The monthly average number of layers dropped 4 per cent while egg production decreased 5 per cent. Chicken broiler production decreased 8 per cent while trukey production increased 12 per cent.

Estimated average prices received by producers for poultry products with 1964 figures in brackets were: poultry in cents per pound eviscerated, chicken meat, 28 (26); fowl, 18 (18); turkey, 34 (32); goose, 35 (34); and duck, 35 (34); eggs in cents per dozen, for consumption, 31 (26); and for hatching, 60 (60). The Agricultural Stabilization Board paid a deficiency payment of 4.3 cents a dozen to a maximum of 4,000 dozen Canada Grade A Extra Large, Grade A Large, and Grade A Medium eggs marketed by a producer during the year.

### ESTIMATED NUMBER OF POULTRY ON FARMS BY DISTRICT JUNE 1, 1964 AND 1965

<u>A.R.A.</u>	<u>CHICKS</u>	<u>PULLETS</u>	<u>HENS &amp;</u>	<u>ALL OTHERS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>UNDER</u>	<u>2 MONTH</u>	<u>PULLETS</u>	<u>2 MONTH</u>	<u>HENS &amp;</u>	
	<u>2 MON.</u>	<u>TO 6 MON.</u>	<u>6 MONTH</u>	<u>&amp; OVER</u>	<u>CHICKENS</u>	
- thousand head -						
<u>1 9 6 4</u>						
1	250.0	40.0	75.0	25.0	390.0	15.0
2	665.0	170.0	330.0	135.0	1,300.0	105.0
3	940.0	150.0	275.0	135.0	1,500.0	115.0
4	960.0	130.0	510.0	140.0	1,740.0	150.0
5	1,010.0	220.0	520.0	125.0	1,875.0	235.0
6	705.0	120.0	400.0	75.0	1,300.0	115.0
7	<u>270.0</u>	<u>30.0</u>	<u>170.0</u>	<u>25.0</u>	<u>495.0</u>	<u>15.0</u>
PROVINCE	4,800.0	860.0	2,280.0	660.0	8,600.0	750.0

<u>1 9 6 5</u>						
1	185.0	30.0	70.0	15.0	300.0	25.0
2	585.0	135.0	370.0	90.0	1,180.0	100.0
3	900.0	120.0	235.0	200.0	1,455.0	150.0
4	975.0	85.0	530.0	60.0	1,650.0	140.0
5	895.0	200.0	570.0	90.0	1,755.0	300.0
6	560.0	65.0	370.0	55.0	1,050.0	175.0
7	<u>180.0</u>	<u>20.0</u>	<u>180.0</u>	<u>30.0</u>	<u>410.0</u>	<u>10.0</u>
PROVINCE	4,280.0	655.0	2,325.0	540.0	7,800.0	900.0

There were an estimated 75,000 geese on farms in Alberta at June 1, 1965 compared with 80,000 in 1964. The number of ducks reported was 80,000 compared with 85,000 in 1964.

# THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION AND VALUE OF EGGS BY MONTHS ALBERTA 1964 AND 1965

	PRODUCTION		DISPOSITION			
	No. of Layers '000	Net Production '000 doz.	Sold '000 doz.	Value \$'000	Used by Producer '000 doz.	Value \$'000
<u>1 9 6 4</u>						
JAN.	2,622	3,424	2,902	851	522	142
FEB.	2,593	3,278	2,780	806	498	128
MAR.	2,566	3,372	2,826	890	546	139
APR.	2,498	3,368	2,779	846	589	151
MAY	2,424	3,375	2,773	739	597	136
JUNE	2,362	3,093	2,538	680	555	134
JULY	2,271	2,909	2,336	650	573	148
AUG.	2,433	2,866	2,274	715	592	176
SEPT.	2,801	2,808	2,210	634	598	159
OCT.	2,912	3,305	2,754	726	551	137
NOV.	2,835	3,483	2,939	766	544	132
DEC.	<u>2,750</u>	<u>3,293</u>	<u>2,758</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>535</u>	<u>129</u>
YEAR	2,589 <sup>1/</sup>	38,574	31,869	9,036	6,700	1,711

<u>1 9 6 5</u>						
JAN.	2,672	3,247	2,682	680	565	131
FEB.	2,614	2,935	2,361	656	574	140
MAR.	2,560	3,363	2,775	860	588	155
APR.	2,502	3,386	2,719	880	664	185
MAY	2,452	3,355	2,686	814	669	181
JUNE	2,348	3,107	2,520	743	587	160
JULY	2,198	2,868	2,287	688	581	161
AUG.	2,154	2,485	1,938	646	547	171
SEPT.	2,286	2,398	1,855	642	543	178
OCT.	2,579	2,909	2,392	989	517	207
NOV.	2,782	3,131	2,652	715	479	174
DEC.	<u>2,769</u>	<u>3,470</u>	<u>2,968</u>	<u>1,129</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>179</u>
YEAR	2,493 <sup>1/</sup>	36,654	29,835	9,742	6,816	2,022

<sup>1/</sup> Weighted average of monthly estimates.

EGG PRICES TO PRODUCERS ON FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH  
MONTH AT EDMONTON, 1964 AND 1965

	<u>GRADE AL</u>	<u>GRADE AM</u>	<u>GRADE AS</u>	<u>GRADE B</u>	<u>GRADE C</u>
	- cents per dozen -				
	<u>1 9 6 4</u>				
JANUARY	23-24	19-20	18-19	18-19	12-13
FEBRUARY	24-25	20-21	17-18	17-18	12-13
MARCH	23-24	22-23	18-19	17-18	12-13
APRIL	27-28	25-26	20-22	17-18	12-13
MAY	21	19-20	17-18	16-17	12-13
JUNE	18	16	13-14	14	11
JULY	24	21	12	14	10
AUGUST	35	29	18	14	10
SEPTEMBER	34	31	16	14	10
OCTOBER	28	25	12-15	13-14	7-9
NOVEMBER	28	20	11-12	13-14	6-7
DECEMBER	21-22	16-18	10	12	6

	<u>1 9 6 5</u>				
JANUARY	20-21	17	14-15	13-14	7
FEBRUARY	21	20	13	14	5-6
MARCH	26	24-25	22	14-15	5-7
APRIL	28	27	21	14-15	6-7
MAY	27-34	24-31	17-24	16-22	7-13
JUNE	29-35	26-33	18-26	16-25	7-13
JULY	29-35	26-33	15-26	13-25	6-13
AUGUST	37-43	32-38	20-26	15-22	9-15
SEPTEMBER	37-43	34-40	22-28	16-23	9-16
OCTOBER	49-55	47-53	36-43	33-39	9-16
NOVEMBER	49-55	47-53	36-43	33-39	9-16
DECEMBER	42-48	37-45	35-42	27-33	7-18



## OUTPUT AND FARM VALUE OF MEAT, ALBERTA 1964 AND 1965

	PRODUCERS		BY PRODUCERS		SOLD	
	Birds '000	Value \$'000	Birds '000	Value \$'000	Birds '000	Value \$'000
	<u>1 9 6 4</u>					
Fowl & Chicken	13,896	11,646	1,658	1,712	12,238	9,934
Turkey	1,002	5,220	56	291	946	4,929
Goose	70	248	20	71	50	177
Duck	<u>80</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>80</u>
TOTAL	15,048	17,242	1,764	2,122	13,284	15,120

	<u>1 9 6 5</u>					
Fowl & Chicken	12,614	11,807	1,878	2,041	10,736	9,766
Turkeys	1,107	5,918	46	244	1,061	5,674
Goose	70	284	20	81	50	203
Duck	<u>90</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>107</u>
TOTAL	13,881	18,170	1,974	2,420	11,907	15,750

## APICULTURE

### ESTIMATES OF BEEKEEPERS, COLONIES, PRODUCTION OF HONEY, AND VALUE OF HONEY AND BEESWAX IN ALBERTA, 1963 TO 1965

		<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
Beekeepers	No.	1,100	1,450	1,320
Colonies	No.	71,600	83,850	114,000
Hives per Apiary	No.	65	58	86
Honey: Yield/Hive	Lb.	162	117	176
Total Prod.	Lb.	11,600,000	9,800,000	20,050,000
Price	\$/Lb.	.15	.15	.15
Value	\$	1,740,000	1,470,000	3,008,000
Value Honey & Wax	\$	1,818,000	1,541,000	3,152,000

The trend toward fewer and larger apiaries continued in 1965. The year was favorable for honey production and a record crop was produced. While the yield per colony was below average in the south, a big crop in all regions from Red Deer north associated with a 36 per cent increase in the number of colonies operated, resulted in a big crop.

In spite of the largest Canadian honey crop on record prices remained firm to slightly higher than in 1964.

FUR FARMING

The number of mink, chinchilla and fox pelts (the latter still negligible) produced in Alberta increased in the 1964-65 year. Feed supplies were good. However, total supplies on the world market resulted in price decreases. Consequently, total income from the 1965 crop of pelts was down from the year previous.

FUR FARM LICENSES

	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>
Mink	252	249
Mink and Fox	3	2
Chinchilla	102	123
Nutria	4	2
Chinchilla & Nutria	1	0
Miscellaneous	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	364	377

ANIMALS RETAINED FOR BREEDING

	<u>NO. OF ANIMALS</u>		<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>	
	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>
Mink: Standards	23,327	26,009	\$ 513,194	\$ 468,162
Mutations	37,337	37,187	597,392	557,805
Chinchilla	5,127	7,403	76,905	96,239
Fox	12	22	144	440
Nutria	125	27	625	135
Miscellaneous	<u>53</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>795</u>	<u>435</u>
TOTAL	65,981	70,687	\$ 1,189,055	\$ 1,123,216

ANIMALS PELTED

	<u>NO. OF ANIMALS</u>		<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>	
	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>
Mink: Standards	55,511	72,117	\$ 1,221,242	\$ 1,298,106
Mutations	126,187	114,064	2,018,992	1,710,960
Chinchilla	1,460	1,414	21,900	18,382
Fox	100	113	1,082	1,775
Nutria	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>50</u>
TOTAL	183,261	187,718	3,263,231	3,029,273

## ANIMALS EXPORTED

	NO. OF ANIMALS		TOTAL VALUE	
	1963-64	1964-65	1963-64	1964-65
Mink: Standards	621	922	46,575	50,710
Mutations	418	1,507	31,350	97,955
Chinchilla	47	119	4,700	11,900
Miscellaneous	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>200</u>
TOTAL	1,091	2,552	82,875	160,765

## FARM FINANCE

### CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS\*

	1 9 6 4		1 9 6 5	
	\$ '000	% of Total	\$ '000	% of Total
Wheat	205,618	33.9	200,902	30.8
Oats	11,440	1.9	7,586	1.2
Barley	46,467	7.7	46,853	7.2
Rye	2,227	0.4	2,284	0.4
Flaxseed	12,027	2.0	8,775	1.3
Rapeseed	8,952	1.5	12,871	2.0
Potatoes	2,978	0.5	5,909	0.9
Vegetables	1,948	0.3	2,055	0.3
Other Crops	18,258	3.0	22,471	3.4
Forest Products	890	0.1	900	0.1
Supplementary Payments	<u>4,466</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>3,967</u>	<u>0.6</u>
TOTAL CROPS	315,271	52.0	314,573	48.2
Cattle and Calves	151,458	25.0	181,698	27.8
Hogs	63,950	10.5	77,396	11.9
Sheep and Lambs	2,943	0.5	2,747	0.4
Dairy Products	41,426	6.8	42,106	6.5
Poultry Products	24,235	4.0	25,500	3.9
Other Livestock Products	<u>7,355</u>	<u>1.2</u>	<u>8,772</u>	<u>1.3</u>
TOTAL LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS	291,367	48.0	338,219	51.8
TOTAL CASH INCOME	<u>606,638</u>	100.0	<u>652,792</u>	100.0

\* Interim and final payments received through the Canadian Wheat Board on participation certificates (wheat, oats, barley) are included in the calendar year in which payments were received by farmers. Deficiency payments included with product where applicable.



## FARM NET INCOME, INCOME IN KIND AND OPERATING EXPENSES, ALBERTA 1964 AND 1965

### NET INCOME OF FARM OPERATORS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Change</u>
	- thousand dollars		-
Cash Income from Sale of Farm Products	597,453	650,563	+ 8.9
Income in Kind (Incl. house rent)	57,718	65,532	+ 13.5
Supplementary Payments (P.F.A.A. etc.)	4,466	5,671	+ 27.0
Realized Gross Income	659,637	721,766	+ 9.4
Value of Inventory Changes	- 832	31,047	
Gross Income	658,805	752,813	+ 14.3
Operating & Depreciation Charges	411,630	440,405	+ 7.0
TOTAL NET INCOME	<u>247,175</u>	<u>312,408</u>	<u>+ 26.4</u>

### INCOME IN KIND

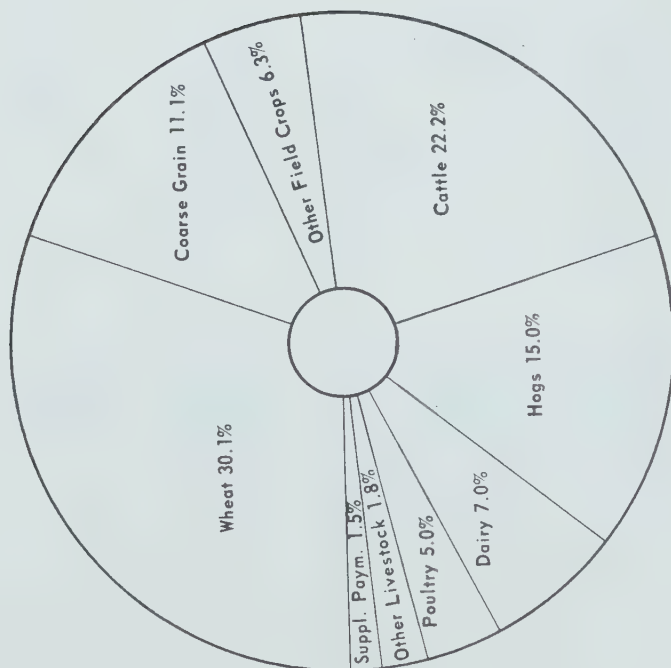
Dairy Products . . . . .	5,042	4,584	- 9.1
Poultry and Eggs . . . . .	3,833	4,442	+ 15.9
Meat . . . . .	5,157	5,870	+ 13.8
Fruit and Vegetables . . . . .	3,834	4,723	+ 23.2
Honey . . . . .	33	33	-
Forest Products . . . . .	731	700	- 5.2
Wool . . . . .	4	2	- 50.0
House Rent . . . . .	39,084	45,178	+ 15.6
TOTAL	<u>57,718</u>	<u>65,532</u>	<u>+ 13.5</u>

### FARM OPERATING EXPENSES AND DEPRECIATION CHARGES

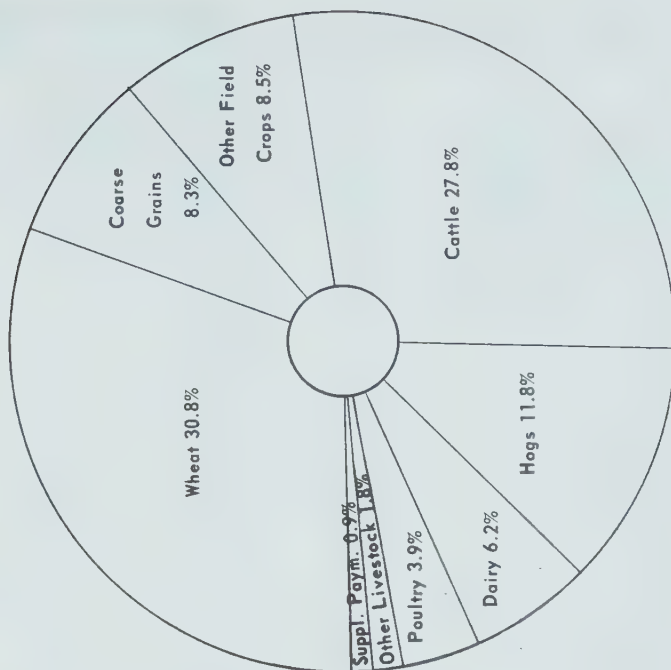
Taxes . . . . .	21,900	22,500	+ 2.7
Gross Farm Rent . . . . .	27,685	32,200	+ 16.3
Wages to Farm Labor . . . . .	35,591	36,691	+ 3.1
Interest on Indebtedness . . . . .	28,985	31,181	+ 7.6
Fuel & Lubricants . . . . .	56,236	55,206	- 2.8
Machinery Repairs . . . . .	32,450	36,472	+ 12.4
Other Machinery Expenses . . . . .	16,209	17,228	+ 6.3
Fertilizers . . . . .	20,243	22,688	+ 12.1
Other Crop Expenses . . . . .	17,668	18,078	+ 2.3
Feed . . . . .	22,448	27,881	+ 24.2
Other Livestock Expenses . . . . .	5,627	5,701	+ 1.3
Repairs to Buildings . . . . .	8,287	8,271	- 0.2
Electricity and Telephone . . . . .	5,341	5,592	+ 4.7
Miscellaneous . . . . .	18,561	19,197	+ 3.4
Total Operating Costs	317,231	338,886	+ 6.8
Depreciation Bldg. & Mach.	94,399	101,519	+ 7.5
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>411,630</u>	<u>440,405</u>	<u>+ 7.0</u>

# SOURCE OF FARM INCOME

1951 - 60



1965



## CENSUS STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE FOR ALBERTA

		1931	1941	1951	1961
TOTAL POPULATION	No.	731,605	796,169	939,501	1,331,944
FARM POPULATION	"	375,097	383,964	345,222	287,814
PER CENT ON FARMS	%	51.3	48.2	36.7	21.6
NUMBER OF FARMS	No.	86,917	93,200	84,315	73,212
AVERAGE SIZE OF FARM	Ac.	400	434	527	645

## FARM CLASSIFICATION:

1-4 acres	%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
5-10 "	"	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.9
11-50 acres	"	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.8
51-100 "	"	1.8	2.1	1.7	1.5
101-200 "	"	40.4	36.9	25.5	18.6
201-299 "	"	3.4	3.9	4.8	4.6
300-479 "	"	26.7	26.6	30.4	29.4
480-639 "	"	9.7	10.3	12.2	13.7
640-959 "	"	9.4	9.6	11.4	14.3
960-1,279 acres	"	) 5.8	3.3	4.4	6.1
1,280 acres & over	"	)	3.9	6.0	8.5

## FARM OPERATED BY:

Owner	%	72.6	62.5	62.7	59.1
Tenant	"	12.2	17.1	11.6	9.2
Owner-Tenant	"	14.9	19.8	25.0	31.1
Manager	"	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6
NON-RESIDENT FARMS	"	-	10.9	9.9	10.1

## AGE OF FARM OPERATORS:

Under 25 years	%	5.3	3.4	4.3	3.2
25 - 34 "	"	20.8	18.5	20.2	16.2
35 - 39 "	"	13.0	12.2	) 25.1	) 25.5
40 - 44 "	"	) 28.6	) 23.8	) 23.6	) 25.6
45 - 49 "	"	) 19.5	) 24.6	) 9.7	) 11.5
50 - 54 "	"	) 9.6	13.7	13.8	13.4
55 - 59 "	"	3.2	3.8	3.3	4.6
60 - 69 "	"				
70 and over	"				

## FARM CAPITALIZATION:

Land & Buildings	\$'000	671,424	490,826	1,015,389	1,715,367
Machinery & Equipment	"	116,301	116,128	390,003	550,876
Livestock & Poultry	"	81,707	104,066	384,324	451,254



## CENSUS STATISTICS - continued

		1931	1941	1951	1961
OCCUPIED FARM LAND	'000 ac.	38,977	43,277	44,460	47,229
Improved Farm Land	"	17,748	20,125	22,271	25,289
Field Crops	"	12,039	12,284	14,428	15,615
Wheat Total	"	7,943	6,556	6,424	5,633
(Durum)	"	(55)	(8)	(46)	(189)
Oats for Grain	"	2,466	2,856	2,854	2,642
Barley	"	710	1,579	3,041	2,867
Mixed Grain	"	16	39	81	374
Fall Rye	"	93	102	186	149
Spring Rye	"	60	57	98	25
Flaxseed	"	30	133	135	362
Tame Hay	"	297	602	1,206	2,477
Other Fodder	"	363	261	282	621
Sugar Beets	"	12	23	36	41
Other Crops	"	49	76	85	424 <sup>1/</sup>
Improved Pasture	"	525	626	1,113	1,670
Summerfallow	"	4,547	6,546	6,195	7,450
Other Improved Land	"	637	669	535	554
Unimproved Land	"	21,229	23,152	22,189	21,940

<sup>1/</sup> Includes 307,000 acres of Rapeseed; 69,000 acres of Mustard; and 3,400 of Sunflowers.

## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY:

Cattle	'000 head	1,125	1,342	1,563	2,879
Pigs	"	1,052	1,705	931	1,470
Sheep	"	786	675	330	497
Horses	"	732	649	261	113
Hens & Chickens	"	7,530	7,953	8,347	9,205
Turkeys	"	550	656	395	1,184
Ducks	"	85	95	62	93
Geese	"	94	116	65	90

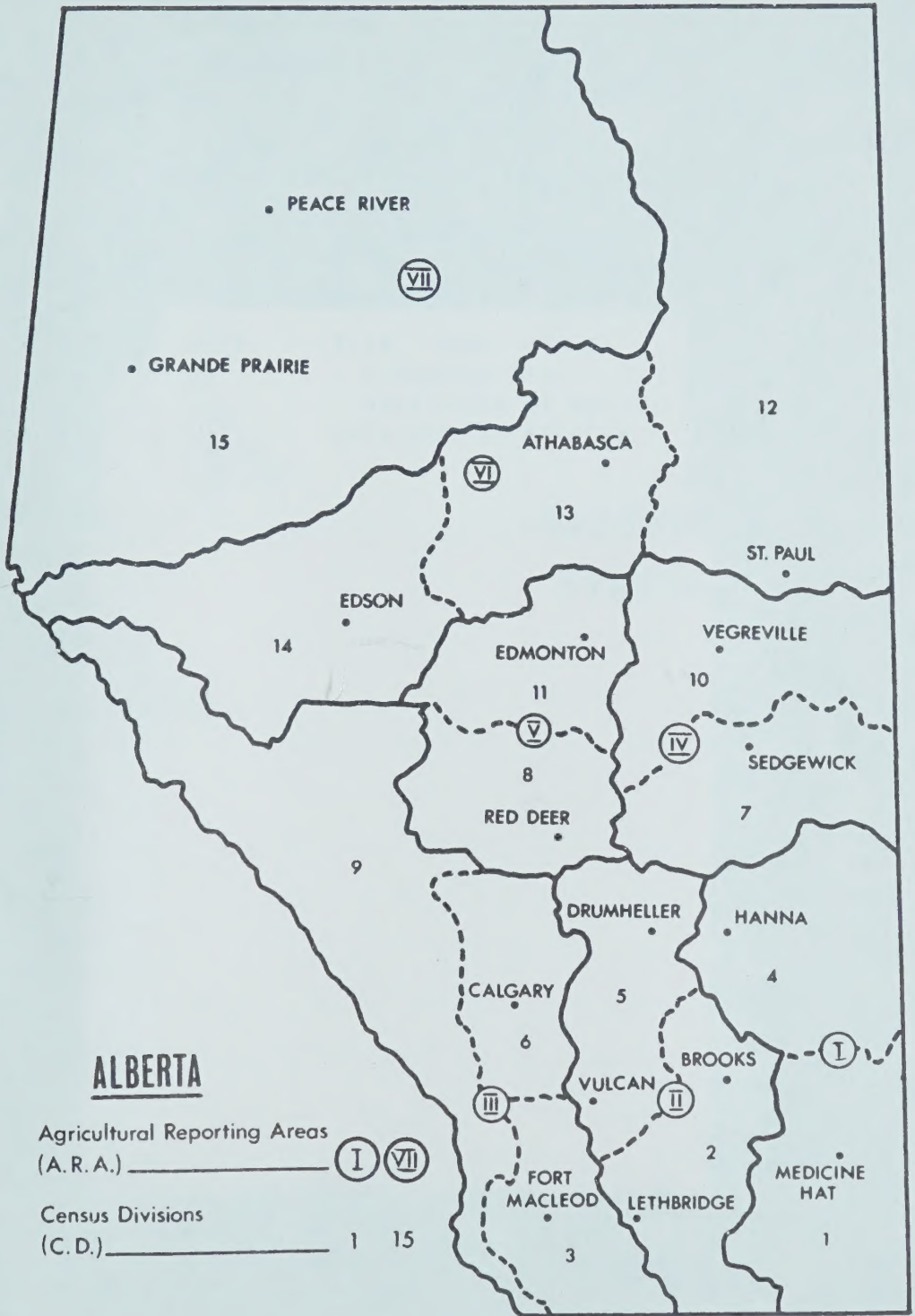
## FARM MACHINERY:

Tractors	No.	23,985	36,445	79,282	102,624
Grain Combines	"	2,523	5,165	20,852	38,530
Grain Binders	"	73,487	--	57,930	32,476
Threshing Machines	"	12,457	12,753	14,768	13,006
Motor Trucks	"	7,319	14,512	39,723	71,508
Farm with Electric -	"	2,786	--	20,709	52,936
Power -	%	3.2	--	24.6	72.3

# COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE IN ALBERTA

		<u>ALBERTA</u>		<u>ALBERTA AS % OF</u>
			Prairie	Canada
			Provinces	
<u>CENSUS STATISTICS, 1961</u>				
Total Population	No.	1,332,000	41.9	7.3
Farm Population	"	288,000	37.5	13.5
Number of Farms	"	73,212	34.8	15.2
Total Land Area	Ac.	159,232,000	35.8	7.0
Occupied Farm Land	"	47,229,000	36.4	27.4
% of Total Land Occupied	%	29.7	--	--
Improved Land	Ac.	25,289,000	31.5	24.4
Unimproved Land	"	21,940,000	44.4	31.7
<u>CROP ACREAGE, 1965*</u>				
Wheat	Ac.	6,050,000	21.8	21.4
Oats for Grain	"	2,200,000	39.0	25.4
Barley	"	3,390,000	59.0	56.2
Rye	"	200,000	28.9	26.8
Flaxseed	"	355,000	15.7	15.3
Mixed Grains	"	335,000	55.3	22.2
Potatoes	"	23,000	37.2	7.7
Mustard Seed	"	80,000	51.0	51.0
Rapeseed	"	735,000	51.2	51.2
Sunflower Seed	"	3,500	5.1	5.1
Tame Hay	"	2,830,000	56.2	22.3
Sugar Beets	"	38,899	60.0	45.8
Summerfallow	"	6,880,000	25.9	25.9
<u>LIVESTOCK ON FARMS, JUNE 1, 1965*</u>				
Bulls 1 year and over	No.	67,000	49.6	24.9
Milk Cows and Heifers	"	317,000	42.4	9.0
Beef Cows and Heifers	"	1,388,000	48.5	35.9
Steers 1 year and over	"	476,000	56.4	27.6
Calves	"	947,000	45.1	26.2
Total Cattle and Calves	"	3,195,000	47.8	24.6
Hogs over 6 month	"	420,000	63.0	31.0
Hogs under 6 month	"	825,000	59.3	21.8
Total Hogs	"	1,245,000	60.5	24.2
Sheep 1 year and over	"	180,000	63.6	30.4
Lambs under 1 year	"	175,000	62.7	30.3
Total Sheep and Lambs	"	355,000	63.2	30.4
<u>POULTRY ON FARMS, JUNE 1, 1965*</u>				
Chicks under 2 month	No.	4,280,000	42.5	12.3
Pullets 2 - 6 month	"	655,000	45.0	12.1
Hens & Pullets 6 month & over	"	2,325,000	36.6	9.7
Other 2 month and over	"	540,000	52.2	15.1
Total Hens and Chickens	"	7,800,000	41.2	11.5
Turkeys	"	900,000	33.7	11.8

\* Estimated.



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